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SUBJ: SPECULATION CONTINUES ABOUT MAYORGA RIVAS RESIGNATION

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1. POLITICAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS CONTINUE TO SPECULATE PRIVATELY ABOUT THE CAUSES FOR THE RESIGNATION OF VICE PRESIDENT MAYORGA RIVAS AS MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY BUT NEITHER THE VICE PRES NOR PRES MOLINA HAVE SHED ANY LIGHT PUBLICLY ON THE MATTER. SPECULATION INCREASED WHEN IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT MAYORGA, ONE TIME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PCN, HAD RESIGNED FROM HIS POSITION AS THE PARTY'S SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION AS WELL.

2. FONMIN BORGONOVO TOLD US HE WAS NOT PARTICULARLY SURPRISED BY MAYORGA'S DEPARTURE SINCE HAD NOTED FOR SOME TIME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MAYORGA AND THE PRESIDENT OVER OPERATIONAL MATTERS. SINCE MAYORGA HAD HELD THE SAME POSITION DURING THE ENTIRE SANCHEZ ADMINISTRATION, HE MAY HAVE FOUND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ADJUST TO MOLINA, PARTICULARLY AS THE LATTER DEVELOPED HIS OWN MANAGEMENT STYLE.

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3. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE THESIS THAT THE TWO MAY HAVE DISAGREED ON SOME SPECIFIC POLICY ISSUE. ONE REPORT HOLDS THAT THE EXPORT INCENTIVES BILL RECENTLY SENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WAS AT CONSIDERABLE VARIANCE WITH THE BILL MAYORGA HAD PROMISED THE

BUSINESS COMMUNITY WOULD BE SUBMITTED (MAYORGA HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE KEY ADMINISTRATION CONTACTS WITH THE INDUSTRIAL AND BANKING SECTOR). IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE BROKE WITH MOLINA OVER MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE WAGE BOARD. THE FACT THAT MAYORGA LEFT THE PCN DIRECTORATE HAS PROMPTED SOME OBSERVERS TO SPECULATE THAT HE AND PCN SECRETARY GENERAL RODRIGUEZ MAY HAVE FOUGHT OVER PARTY POLICIES AND MAYORGA LOST; IN SUPPORT OF THIS THESIS, IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT TWO OF MAYORGA'S SUPPORTERS IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WERE DROPPED FROM THE ASSEMBLY'S 1974-76 DIRECTOATE.

4. THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE IMPACT AS A RESULT OF MAYORGA'S RESIGNATION.WHILE THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS SOMEWHAT SORRY TO SEE HIM GO (THEY REGARD HIM AS A RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON THE PRESENT), MAYORGA HAS NO POLITICAL BASE OF HIS OWN AND TMUS LEAVES NO DISGRUNTLED POLITICAL SUPPORTERS BEHIND. CERTAINLY THE MILITARY HAS SHED NO TEARS ON HIS DEPARTURE ALTHOUGH TYEARE NOT PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH HIS SUCCESSOR EITHER; FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER SILVA WAS ACTIVE IN LEFTIST CIRCLES DURING HIS UNIVERSITY DAYS.

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